



Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2011-2012

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Re: Applicant Name: SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201
Billed Entity Number: 145431
Form 471 Application Number: 818239
Funding Request Number(s): 2226952, 2228375, 2228481, 2228596, 2228681,
2228789, 2228878, 2228967
Your Correspondence Dated: July 27, 2011

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2011 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

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Decision on Appeal: **Denied**

Explanation:

- A thorough review of your appeal and the relevant facts shows that you postmarked the FCC Form 471 application on March 30, 2011, which is outside of the application filing window. For Funding Year 2011, in order to be considered for funding, FCC Form 471 applications had to be postmarked no later than 11:59 pm (EST) on March 24, 2011. On appeal you claim that "Due to technical issues with the USAC 471 application web site, this application was not recorded as successfully submitted on the website." USAC has no documented system issues reported for the Funding Year 2011 applications process. You have failed to demonstrate that your FCC Form 471 application was postmarked on or before March 24, 2011. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

- The FCC requires completed FCC Form 471 applications and certifications to be postmarked by the final date of the filing window for the relevant funding year for the application in order to be considered timely filed. *See Request for Review by Alpine County Unified School District, et al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., File no. NEC.471.01-24-00.5400004, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 paras. 2 and 4 (rel. Jan. 14, 2002).*

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either USAC or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company